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The Honorable  
James E. Webb  
Under Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

Attn: Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

My dear Mr. Webb:

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This is in reference to the relocation of the CIA [redacted]  
[redacted] base station from [redacted]  
Construction of facilities at the new site has proceeded satisfactorily  
and is expected to be completed in the near future. Some operating  
personnel have already been transferred to [redacted] while others are  
at present being trained in Washington to assume duties in connection  
with handling radio traffic for the Department and the interested  
offices of this Agency.

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While the activation of the [redacted] base station will result in  
a reduction in the number of personnel assigned to [redacted] it will  
necessitate a much larger force than the [redacted] base station. The  
expanded physical site alone will require a guard detail of about  
fifteen while operating personnel will number about thirty-five.  
Other housekeeping and administrative personnel will ultimately bring  
the total to approximately [redacted] individuals as shown in the  
summary below.

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Limited operation of the base will commence about 1 April 1950 while full operation, requiring the staff shown, should be accomplished approximately six months later. We believe this to be the minimum complement for the 24-hour operation required to satisfactorily handle the Department's traffic, the messages of the Office of Special Operations, the communications load which will develop from the activities of the Office of Policy Coordination, and the needs of the [redacted] [redacted]

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I will welcome an opportunity to discuss this with you, or will arrange for members of my staff to meet with such individuals as you may designate in order to discuss this phase of the [redacted] operation.

Sincerely yours,

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R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Read Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

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